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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

In the specification, paragraphs [0034] – [0036] have been amended.

Claims 1, 4, 8, 15, and 18 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-22 are now pending in this application.

Specification

In Section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Specification because of informalities. Applicant has amended paragraphs [0034]-[0036] in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the Objections to the Specification.

Claim Objections

In Section 2 of the Office Action the Examiner objected to informalities in claim 15. Applicant has amended claim 14 to correct the informalities.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

In Section 4 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner asserts that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the

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specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to recite the presence of a deformable side of the housing associated with a switch. This subject matter is disclosed in the Specification at paragraphs [0035] – [0036]. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the written description rejections of claims 1-17.

In Section 6 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended for clarity. Accordingly, Applicant requests the withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejections of claims 1-17.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

In Section 8 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Henry Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 5,881,169) in view of Danielson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,805,474) and Armstrong (U.S. Patent No. 6,559,831).

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 8, and 18 to include the limitation of a deformable side of the housing and a switch associated with the deformable side and switched by deformation of the deformable side. No proper combination of Henry, Jr., Danielson et al., and Armstrong discloses, teaches or suggests the use of a deformable side of the housing for activating a text entry area on the touch screen display of a handheld computer. Accordingly, because all of the claim limitations are not disclosed by any combination of the references, amended claims 1, 8, and 18 are therefore allowable. Similarly, claims depending from claims 1, 8, and 18 are likewise allowable.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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